(e) to what extent will this project be useful to States like Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) the details of utility of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. To meet the demand of consumers in Gujarat and along the GAIL's HBJ pipeline, Petronet LNG is setting up an LNG terminal of 5 million tonnes per annum capacity at Dahej in Gujarat. The project is proposed to be financed with 70:30 debt equity ratio.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) Transportation of the re-gasified natural gas from Dahej terminal through pipeline to Andhra pradesh is not considered economically viable. The project will help to bridge the gap between demand and availability of gas for the power, fertilizer and other sectors in Gujarat and along HBJ pipeline system.

'Exploration of natural gas in Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan

†2396. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken for exploitation of production of natural gas through underground gasification process and for the development of infrastructure thereof in Tanot, Dandewala and Bagitiba regions of Jaisalmer district and for Plentiful reservoirs of oil of Bikaner -Nagore regions and Barmer and Jallore districts of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): The product of underground gasification is not natural gas but. "syn gas', which is generally a mixture of carbon mono-oxide, hydrogen, methane, carbon dioxide and nitrogen etc. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has signed a memorandum of understanding with the State Goverment of Rajasthan in October, 1998 to carry out a study on the feasibility of application of underground gasification technologies in Barmer-Sanchor areas and to undertake a pilot project.

Based on the existing size of discoveries and the available technology, the commercial exploitation of heavy crude oil reserves of Bikaner-Nagore basin is not techno-economically viable.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Oil has been discovered in the Barmer district of Rajasthan. The reservoir is yet to be fully delineated.

Government is encouraging participation of Parivate/Point venture companies in exploration blocks in Rajasthan under New Exploration Licensing Pollicy(NELP) to explore and exploit reserves of oil and natural gas.

Recruitment of Management Trainees in EIL

2397. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Engineers India Limited (EIL) are recruiting Management Trainees direct from Engineering colleges located in different parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these management trainees are then absorbed in the FIL;

(c) if so, the details of such management trainees absorbed by the EIL during the last three years with the names of colleges from where these trainees are taken; and

(d) what is the policy with regard to such selection, recruitment and absorption of candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) Information is given in the statement.

Statement

Engineers India Limited (EIL) recruits fresh engineering graduates as Management Trainees every year usually through campus interviews from select institutes. Some of the EIL SC/ST scholarship holders from various engineering colleges are also interviewed for recruitment as Management Trainees depending upon the requirement. The Management Trainees are provided training under the Apprentices Act. Candidates are interviewed based on the prescribed criteria and depending on the number of vacancies. Majority of the Management Trainees recruited are fresh engineering graduates. However, some fresh Management postgraduates as well as some fresh post-graduates in Computer Application are also inducted as Management Trainees from time to time. The selection procedure is the same as in the case of fresh engineering graduates. These Management Trainees are absorbed in the Company on successful completion of one year training which is based on appraisal and absorption interview.